

Federal Public Key Infrastructure Policy Authority
Minutes of the October 2, 2001 Meeting
18th & F Street, NW, Room 5141A

The Chair of the Federal PKI Policy Authority (FPKIPA) called the meeting to order October 2 at 9:35 a.m. The draft minutes of the August 7, 2001, and September 4, 2001, meetings were approved as written and are posted at www.cio.gov/fpkipa

The Chair announced the FPKIPA has officially approved the FBCA Certification Practice Statement based on a successful compliance audit. Also, Booze-Allen & Hamilton will provide contractor support to the PKIPA and the Certificate Policy Working Group (CPWG). A copy of the contract will be provided to the PKIPA membership.

The Chair of the Federal PKI Steering Committee (PKISC) gave a report of the last PKISC meeting that can be found at <http://www.cio.gov/fpkisc/>. The PKISC Chair also related the current activities from OMB's E-Gov initiatives sessions, specifically the E-authentication initiative which is a proposal for creating a "core PKI service" for the federal government.

The NIST representative stated they are working on a method that will streamline PKI Certificate Policy (CP) and Certification Practice Statement (CPS) development across the government. The intention is to build a "toolkit" of templates that an agency can use to get its Certification Authority operational and cross-certified with the Federal Bridge. NIST may include boilerplates for specific vendor software. These templates will be for rudimentary, basic, and medium levels of assurance.

An update on the Federal Bridge was given that reminded the membership that currently, the Bridge is only able to fully communicate with X500 directory servers. There is a plan to bridge that gap. A border directory server agent with a META connector module will allow agencies running non-X500 directories to communicate with the FB. However, your LDAP server static IP address will be required.

The Chair of the Certificate Policy Working Group gave a status report on the current activities of the group. They have identified and extracted 362 requirements documented in the FB CP. Work is in progress on finalizing the application for cross-certification and identifying the scope for an audit. The Chair stated in DOD their registration is decentralized and that the auditing is down to the Local Registration Authority (LRA) level. They are proposing to audit 5% of the LRAs, which would provide a statistical sampling to determine the risk level. The FB CP requires all trusted roles to be filled by US citizens. However, in DOD foreign nationals could fill the LRA positions. The Policy Authority Chair asked that all member agencies consider this situation of using non-US citizens in LRA positions and provide their opinions.

The next meeting of the FPKIPA was set for November 13, 2001, at 9:30 am.

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